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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
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Applicant <b>TEIJIN LIMITED</b>		

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

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nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
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- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
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- the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
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<p><b>2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)</b></p> <p>Claims 1 to 13</p> <p>Documents 1 to 3 disclose porous fibers with a porosity of at least 5%, which are configured from a polymer that can be dissolved in a hydrophobic solvent, and indicate that the diameters of the resulting fibers are approximately the same or conform to similar standards. However, the porous fibers that are disclosed in document 1 do not include an organic compound that comprises a plurality of hydroxy groups, and although the inventions that are disclosed in documents 2 and 3 do include an organic compound such as a polyethyleneoxide after fiber formation, the organic compound in question is eluted out in order to form the pores in the invention that is disclosed in document 2, while the organic compound in question is removed by means of baking in the invention that is disclosed in document 3; therefore, the resulting porous fibers do not include an organic compound that comprises a plurality of hydroxy groups. As a result, the inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 13 differ from the inventions that are disclosed in the abovementioned documents in the light of the abovementioned feature; consequently, the inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 13 are novel.</p>																											

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In addition, the inventions that are set forth in claims 1 to 13 make it possible to obtain porous fibers without carrying out complicated processes; therefore, the inventions in question also involve an inventive step.

Document 1: JP 57-51809 A

Document 2: WO 02/16680 A1

Document 3: JP 51-40476 A